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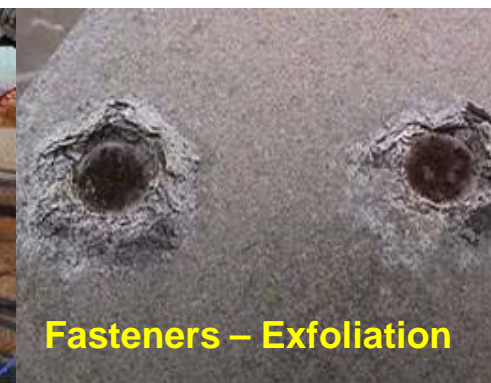
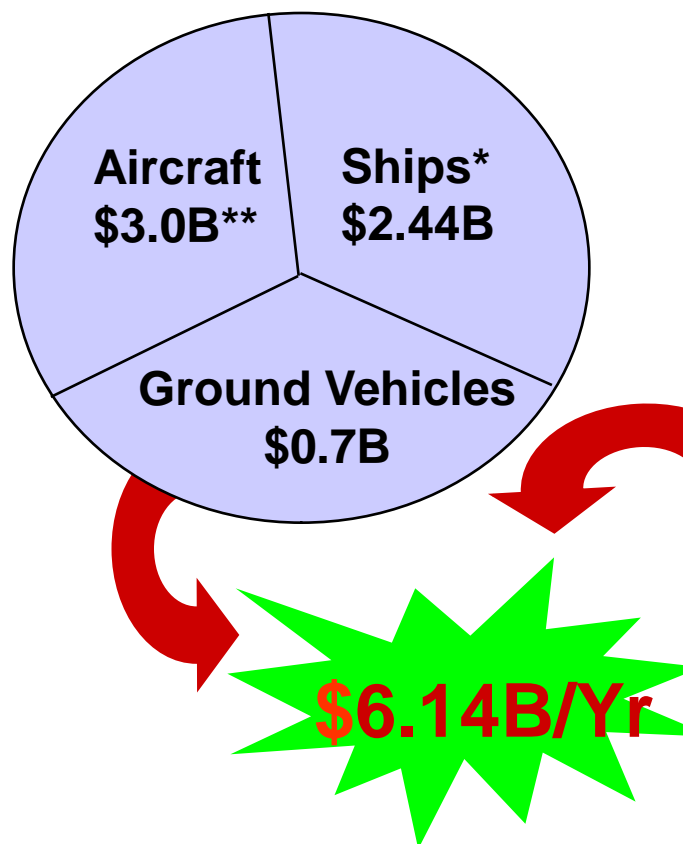
# **Office of Naval Research Overview of Corrosion S&T Program**



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## Corrosion: Navy's No. 1 Maintenance Problem



\*The Annual Cost of Corrosion for Army Ground Vehicles and Navy Ships, LMI Report, Apr., 2006

\*\*Cost obtained using FY06 data – Under Service Review  
Combined cost of the Navy and USMC aircraft

# Changing Requirements

*The Evolutionary Approach ...*

10 Yrs

20 Yrs

**Present**

**Future Ships & Vehicles**



## Naval Power 21

- Faster, Maneuverable Ships for Littoral Operations
- Extended Operating Cycles
- Reduced Manning
- Expeditionary Maneuver from the Sea

**Traditional & Non-traditional Materials**

**High Performance Oriented  
 Lighter, Faster Ships**



**New Sets of Corrosion Issues**



**Combat Systems  
 Fuel Cells & Batteries Aluminum Composites**

**2020**



# Classic Response to Naval Corrosion



....Chip  
Scrape  
Paint  
Wash...



## Some Solutions to these Problems

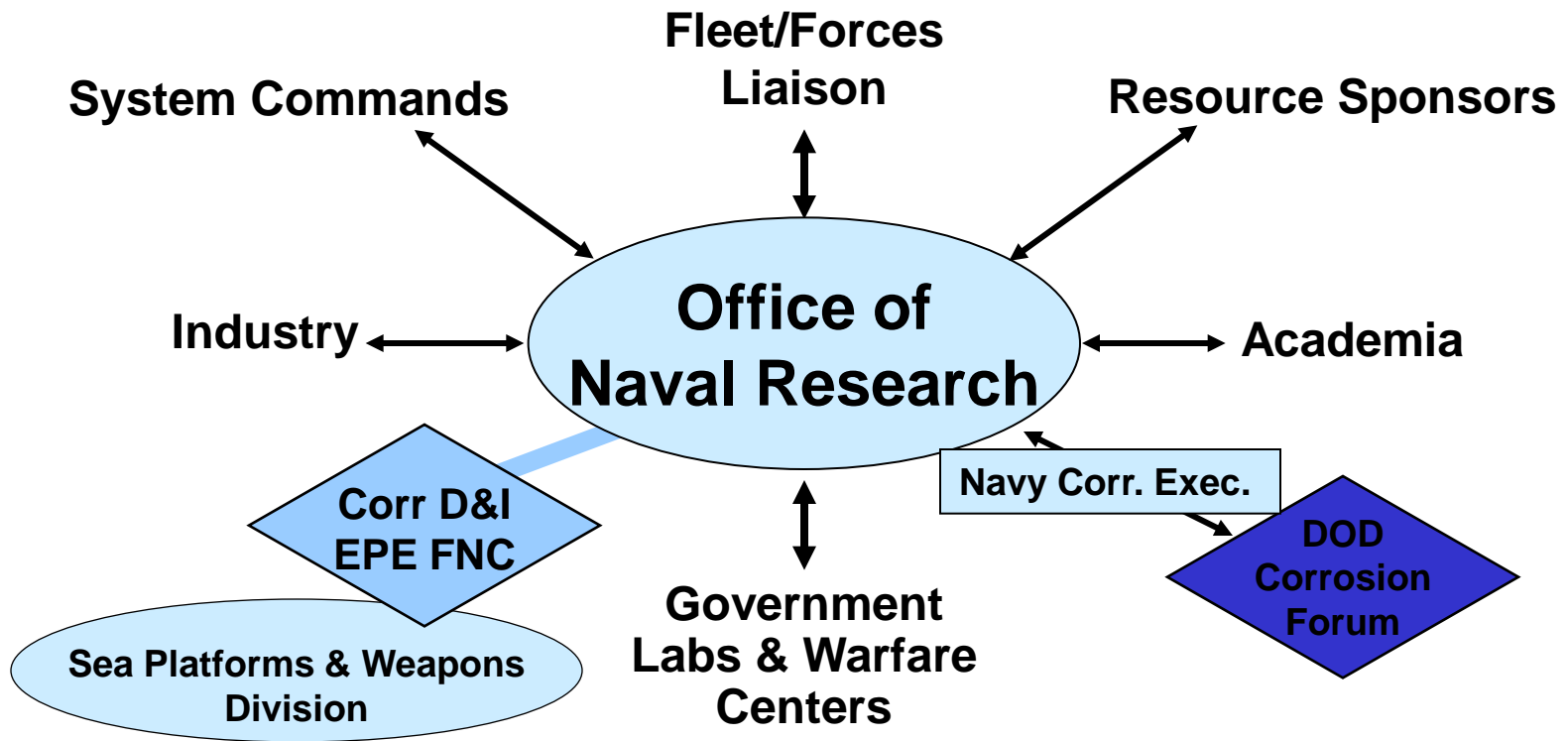
- Improved materials
- High Performance Coatings and Application
- Better inspection/detection methods and NDI
- Better treatment methods and technologies
- Smart Design and Engineering
- Improved Processes and Education

**Science & Technology**

★ **Bottom line:**  
**Up front prevention leverages  
downstream savings**

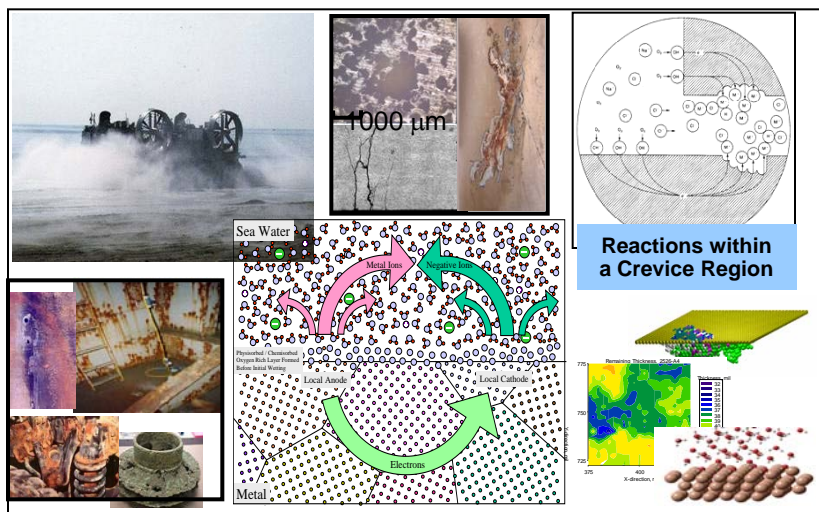
# The Navy Corrosion S&T Community

- ONR provide a full spectrum of basic and applied R&D to advanced technology demonstration and implementation



# Corrosion Control Technologies

- Vision:** Develop corrosion control and prevention technologies and processes
- ◆ to reduce Navy operation and maintenance cost
  - ◆ to extend service life of Navy assets beyond original design
  - ◆ to meet design requirements for future Navy and USMC platforms



- **Approach:**
- Understand science-based corrosion mechanisms and processes
- Develop HP advanced/novel coatings
- Develop multi-scale corrosion models
- Develop corrosion mitigation/repair technologies

**Trust Area 1:** Understanding of corrosion mechanism and processes

**Thrust Area 2:**

Development of corrosion model

**Thrust Area 3:**

Development of HP marine coatings

**Trust Area 4;**

Development of diagnostics technologies

## Description:

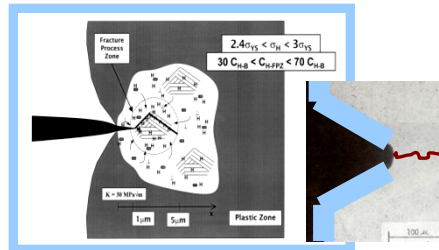
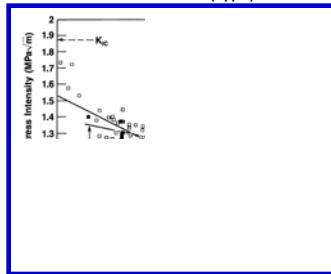
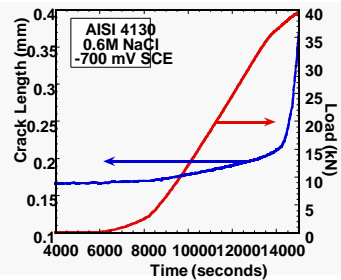
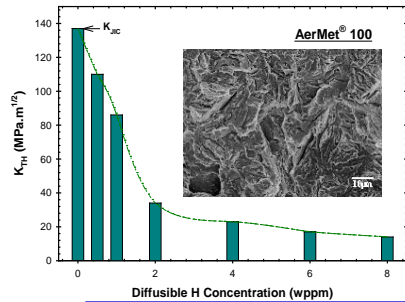
Develop corrosion resistant alloys and coatings, and corrosion control and prevention technologies to mitigate corrosion and its effects under sea water and marine environment



## Develop Materials and Technologies Resistant to Sea Water and/or Marine Atmosphere

- **Mechanistic study of corrosion in naval materials/structures**
  - Hydrogen embrittlement in ultra-high strength steels (UHSS)
  - Low temperature carburization
- **Advanced coatings technology**
  - Universal coating and/or application specific/problem solving/ high-performance coatings
  - Environmentally safe coatings
- **Science based “corrosion model”**
  - Study of materials, environment/ operation, degradation mechanism, processes
  - Prediction of materials performance/service life
  - Corrosion protection of marine grade Al alloys
- **Sensors and processes**
  - Intelligent corrosion sensor systems to provide corrosion assessment and life-cycle diagnostics

# Hydrogen Assisted Cracking in High Strength Alloys for Marine Applications



## Issue:

H assisted cracking is key failure mode for high performance materials in marine environments

## Objective:

Establish and validate quantitative-predictive models of hydrogen cracking of high strength alloys in marine environment to control cracking with reduced experimental characterization

## Approach:

Predict  $K_{th}$  and  $da/dt_{II}$  by coupled assessment of crack tip H uptake/trapping ( $C_s$ ) and continuum damage laws with material parameters input

- Enable integrated physics-based modeling with few adjustable parameters to reduce testing

## Scientific/Technical Achievement:

- Predicted  $C_s$  vs. potential for AerMet 100
- Predicted and validated  $K_{th}$  and  $da/dt_{II}$  vs. potential for AerMet 100
- Quantified material and electrochemical mitigation strategies

## Naval Impact:

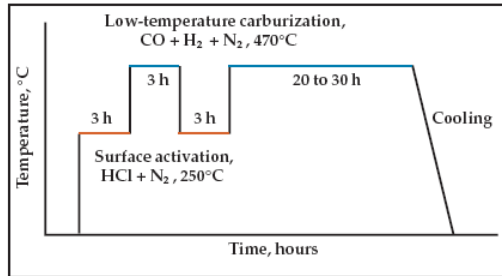
Quantitative prediction enables

- Cathodic protection optimization
- Alloy design
- Assessment of coating galvanic compatibility

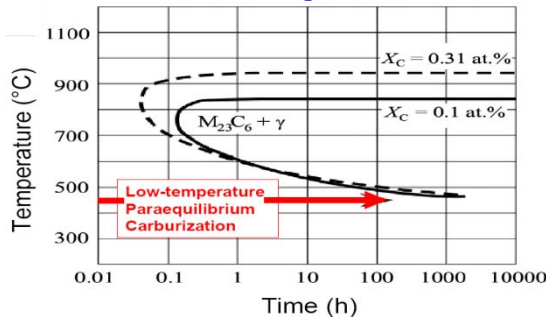
to minimize risk of premature cracking

# Low Temperature Colossal Supersaturation (LTCSS) Process

## LTC process



## TTT diagram



seawater crevice corrosion on 316 Stainless Steel

## Objective:

Improve the mechanical and electrochemical properties of SS by surface engineering through understanding of paraequilibrium carburization mechanism(s) that lead to the enhanced corrosion resistance

## Approach:

- Determine how the passive film is modified by LTCSS treatment
- Identify the mechanism responsible for the increased corrosion performance
- Determine the effect of the LTCSS treatment on stress corrosion cracking behavior
- Determine which Naval alloys are amenable to LTC surface modification

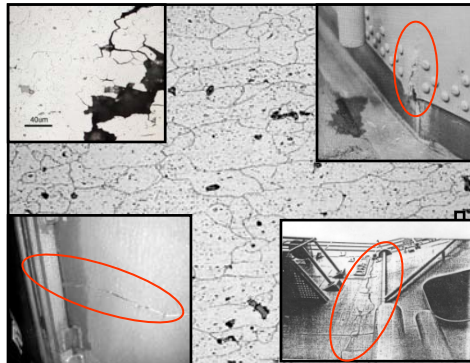
## Scientific/Technical Achievement:

- Discovery of a carbon induced passivity for LTCSS treated austenitic stainless steels
  - Low temp. allows interstitial C diffusion, but not substitutional diffusion
  - Hardened cases are formed and detrimental carbide formation is suppressed
- Carbon content in passive film of LTCSS treated alloys is dynamic, i.e. changes with potential

## LTCSS Surface Modification:

- Carbon concentrations > 12 at. % in 316 stainless steel while maintaining single phase austenite, i.e.. no detrimental precipitates
- Treatment temperatures below 570°C, significant increases in surface hardness, wear and corrosion resistance.

# Aluminum 5XXX Alloy Program



LCS: Lockheed Martin



X-Craft

## Navy Needs:

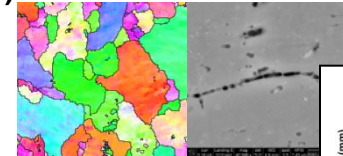
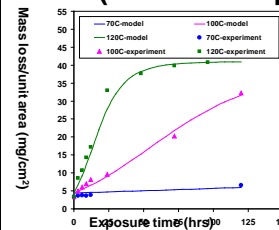
- Corrosion resistant, light weight, high strength and affordable materials to meet faster, maneuverable ships for littoral operations
- AA5XXX alloys for high strength-to-weight ratio, weldability & corrosion resistance

## Objective:

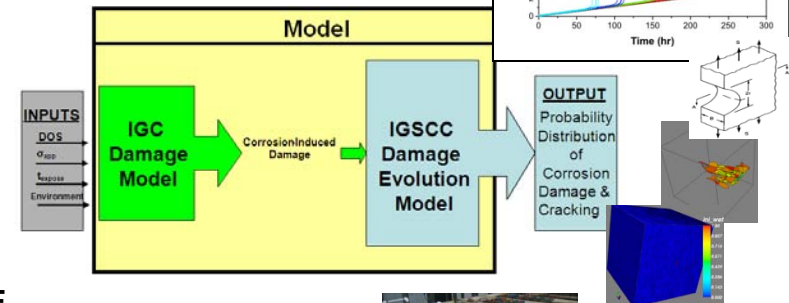
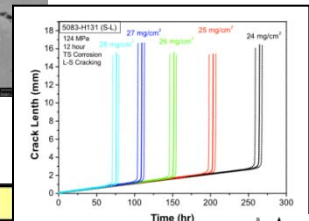
Develop a comprehensive approach to mitigate IGC / IGSCC of sensitized AA5XXX alloys

## Approach:

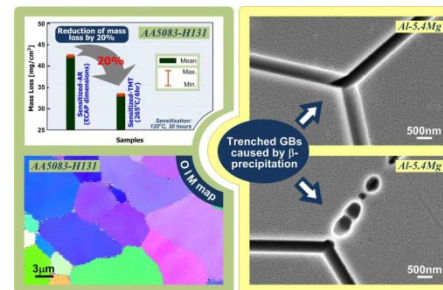
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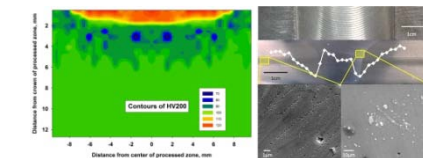
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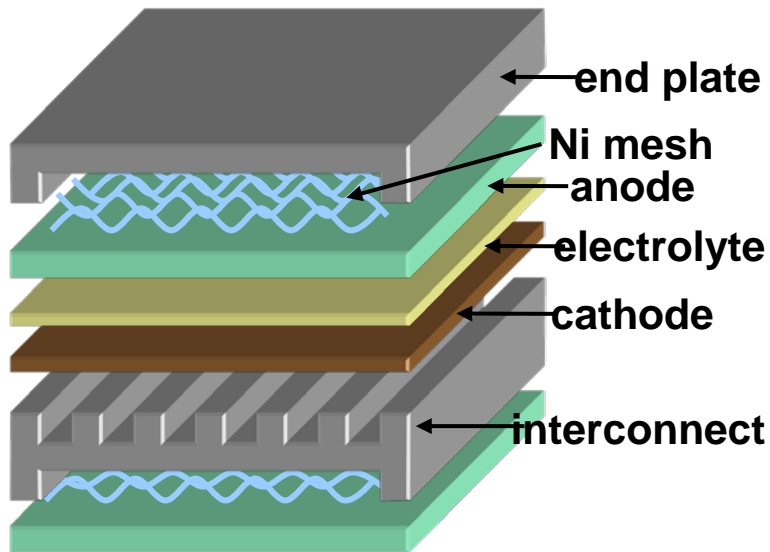
## GBE



Surf Prep & Coatings



# Improved Corrosion Resistance of Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) Interconnect Materials



## Approach:

- Develop dense coating materials by deposition of oxide films with greatly reduced  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  activity or a Cr-free material with low volatility to suppress evaporation
- Investigate the resistance of ferritic stainless steels to accelerated degradation in dual atmosphere conditions
- Define the mechanism of REEs on the oxidation of Ni and stainless steels

## Issue:

Solid oxide fuel cells (SOFCs) can produce electric power very efficiently. However, materials degradation decreases the efficiency over time and limits the durability of the cells

## Objective:

Enhance the durability/reliability of SOFCs by improving the corrosion resistance of the interconnects - Understanding of dual atmosphere effects, oxide volatility, and reactive element effects (REEs)

## Scientific/Technical Accomplishments:

- Dual atmosphere experiments in progress
- Completed deposition of various oxides
- Analysis of the effect of  $\text{CeO}_2$  doping on the oxidation rate of Ni and Fe-Cr alloys in progress
- Measurements of chromia evaporation rates in progress

## Naval Impact:

Stealth operation, fuel flexibility and scalable power unit



# Enterprise & Platform Enabler (EPE) Future Naval Capabilities (FNC)

- **Objective (Utilize the S & T)**
  - Reduce the cost of acquisition/maintenance due to corrosion and increase readiness
  - Improve performance, availability and operations
- **Approach**
  - Develop, demonstrate and transition corrosion control, monitoring, Prevention and inspection technologies for ships, aircraft, vehicles and facilities
  - Focused on the Fleet transition of technologies
- **Technologies**
  - EPE-FY04-02 (FNC Total Ownership Cost Reduction)  
Coatings, Corrosion Preventative Compounds, Sensors, NDI Technologies
  - EPE-FY08-09 (EC Maintenance Reduction Technologies)  
Topside coatings, Nonskid coatings, Rudder coatings
  - EPE-FY10-03 (EC Corrosion and Corrosion Related Signature Technologies for Increased Operational Availability)  
Corrosion/Signature diagnostic sensors and models, innovative robust corrosion control components and systems
  - EPE-FY12-01 (EC Corrosion Mitigation Technologies and Design Integration)  
Sprayable damping systems, corrosion resistant surface treatment, design modules for corrosion prevention

# Success Story: Rapid Cure Single Ship Tank Coatings (EPE-FY04-02)

## Product Description

Rapid cure single coating systems for enhanced corrosion control in shipboard tanks and voids to reduce application time and cost

## Warfighter Payoff

- NPV \$250M / 40-yr service life
  - Extension of platform service life
  - ~35% reduction in tank and void painting cost, 40% reduction in tank/void preservation time, material cost equal to legacy systems

## Fleet Transition

- Demonstrated in more than 65 tanks on amphibious ships, carriers and submarines
- Full shipyard implementation by NAVSEA05/04 n FY08 via CWP (Cumbersome Work Practices) Task Force
- Mandated via NAVSEA 05P23/294 11 Sept, 2008

## Demonstration Results

### Single Coat Polyurethane After 2 Years in a Fresh Water Tank

Solvent based legacy system after 1 year



Note that coating has failed heavily from extensive osmotic blistering

Solvent free rapid cure after 2 years



Light rust staining is from ships piping system and Tank level indicator, not from the tank itself



**SSBN Trim Tank Application  
Supported 28-day Maintenance Docking  
Saved 7 days of Schedule!**

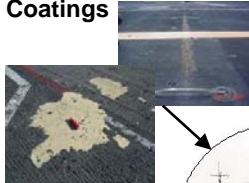
## Bottom Line

**Rapid Cure Single Coating System : 35 hours to Completion**

**Legacy System (Prime, Stripe, Topcoat) : 216 hours to Completion**

# Maintenance Reduction Technologies (EPE-FY08-09)

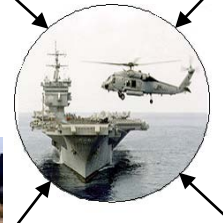
Improved Nonskid Coatings



High Perf. Topside Coatings



Longer Life  
 High Temp. Resistant  
 Airfield Pavements



Improved Rudder Coatings

## Objective:

Extend service life of ship structures and airfield pavement by >3 times to meet extended dry dock cycle, to meet high temperature requirements for future aircraft and maintenance cost reduction by providing

- Corrosion control and prevention technologies that prevent and mitigate corrosion and its effects
- Improved materials, products and processes that are environmentally compliant and cost-effective

## Payoffs:

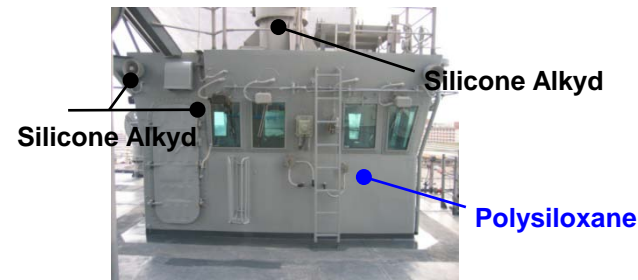
NPV \$1052M

- Rapid turn around
- Longer service life
- Enhanced operational readiness and safety

\*NPV (Net Present Value) based on cost analysis by NSWCCD Cost Division

## Accomplishment:

- Topside Coatings:  
 SW polysiloxane QPD qualified, 1 Feb., 2010



Coating installed – March 2008

- Non-Skid Demonstration USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD-41)

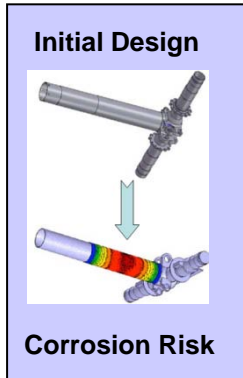


# Corrosion Mitigation Technologies and Design Integration (EPE-FY12-01)

Muzzle Door Linkage Failures



Corroded aluminum pipe at bronze CMWD nozzle



Galvanic Interaction at Bulkheads

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Sprayable coatings to replace damping tiles
- Corrosion and wear resistant surface treatment
- Corrosion informed design modules for commercial CAD/CAE integration

## Value to Naval Warfighter:

- Reduce construction and repair costs
- Increase operational readiness
- Enhance mission capability

## Partners:

- NRL, NSWCCD, PMS 397, PMS501, SEA05P, NAVAIR, USMC

## Transition Sponsor: NAVSEA 05P

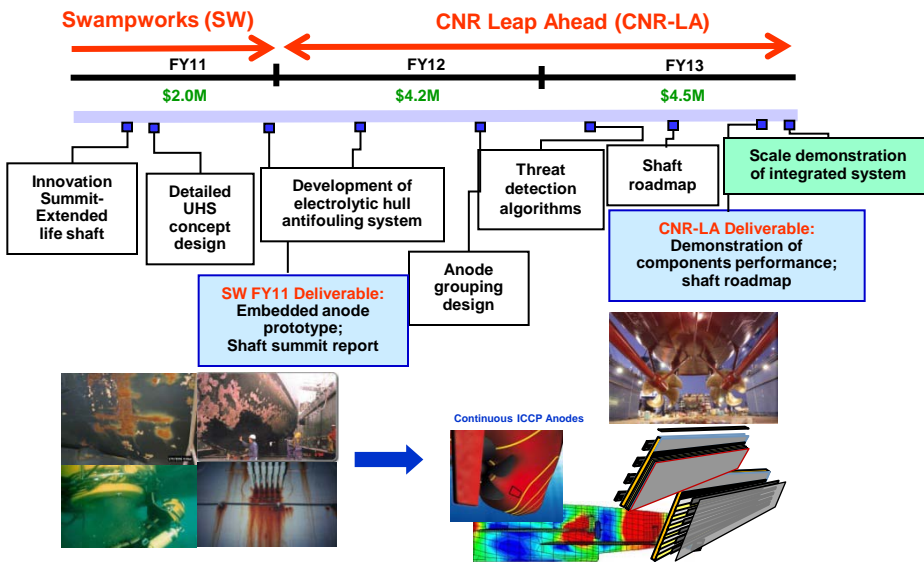
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**Objective:** Develop corrosion mitigation technologies and design modules to reduce or eliminate corrective maintenance and reduce total ownership costs

## **Impact if Not Addressed:**

- Continued high lifecycle cost due to excessive corrosion
- Degraded mission cycle due to current system failures
- New designs without CPC (Corrosion Prevention and Control) resulting in high maintenance and repair

# MFS Technologies: Underwater Hull Shield



## Vision:

Deliver capabilities which eliminate underwater hull maintenance and extend shaft life allowing for a single mid-life 20 year dry-dock over life of ship

## Payoffs:

ROI 21

Elimination of ship dry docking enabling increased Operational Availability (Ao) and reduced Total Ownership Cost

## Deliverables:

- Detailed concept design of Underwater Hull Shield and Long-Life Shaft
  - Embedded Anode Prototype
  - Shaft Summit Report
- Proof of concept validation for integration of corrosion and fouling control
- ICCP system with threat detection capability

## Focus on Game-Changing Advances:

- Elimination of dry-docking for shaft maintenance
- Elimination of AF coatings
- Elimination of underwater hull cleaning and coating repair
- Elimination of sacrificial anode replacement



# Summary

- Corrosion Prevention and Control is a top operations and maintenance priority
- High payoff ONR projects are producing viable products
- Corrosion research and development is helping:
  - Reduce O&S corrosion cost to enable fleet recapitalization and modernization
  - Extend service life of Navy assets beyond original design
  - Increase readiness for present and future missions while reducing resource requirements
  - Provide capability to meet design requirements for future Navy and USMC platforms
- Continue to investigate target areas for improvement and search for cost effective solutions

## Research Opportunities:

- Understanding of corrosion mechanism
- Mechanistic modeling of corrosion damage
- Advanced smart coatings technology
- Distributed Impressed Current Cathodic Protection
- Corrosion mitigation technology

## Interested Research Topic Areas

## **Coatings**

**Non-skid coatings**

**Rudder coatings**

**Fundamental degradation mechanisms**

**Quick (Rapid) cure**

**Corrosion inhibition**

**Coating repair**

**Underwater-applied coatings**

**Internal pipe coatings**

**Non Cr based coating**

**Life prediction**

**Modeling of effect of environmental factors including UV and Ozone)**

**Smart coatings**

**Self-healing coatings**

**Multifunctional coatings**

**Condensation reducing coatings**

**“Trigger-release” repair (AC, AF, signature)**

**Self Healing and Self Cleaning Smart Coating**

**Surface tolerant (oil, moisture, contaminants)**

**Superhydrophobic coatings**

**Tailoring Surfaces for Corrosion Prevention**

**Conductive coatings**

## **(H)-Environmentally Assisted Cracking**

**Improved diagnostics**

**Transition from short cracks (pits) to long cracks**

**Fasteners and gears and bearings**

**Corrosion fatigue of advanced materials**

**SCC in advanced materials**

**3D evaluation tools**

**Integrated Models for Structural Corrosion Reliability**

**Coupled Analysis (fluid-solid-electro-chemical) for Corrosion on Ship Structures**

## **Surface Modification Technologies**

**Friction stir processing**

**LTC**

## **MIC**

**Sea-Basing**

**Elimination of macro-biofouling**

**Control of invasive species**

**Avoid transferring fouling species to sea-base**

**Mn containing biofilms**

**MIC detection and assessment (sensor)**

**MIC modeling**

**MIC diagnostic tools (can be used at sea)**

**Accelerated bio-consumption of aluminum anodes**

## **Impressed Current Cathodic Protection**

**Distributed ICCPs**

**Electrolytic antifouling**

## **High Temperature Oxidation and Corrosion**

**Durability of Fuel Cells**

**Minor element effects in high temperature coatings**

**Oxide film formation and breakdown (microstructure)**

**Sensors for high temp coatings**

**Substrate/coatings matching/compatibility**

**Life prediction/modeling**

**Ceramic film growth/deposition processes for wear, high temperature and protective coatings**

**Ceramic composite coatings**

## **Joining and Fabrication**

**Composite/metal joints**

**Interface degradation**

**Interface Issues**

**Adhesives and sealants**

**biofuels compatibility**

**Thick section composites (impact on metallic alloys)**

**Repair**

**Coating of composites**

**Ceramic-metal joints**



## **Understanding of Corrosion Mechanism**

**Oxide film formation and breakdown**

**Understanding and modeling pitting evolution**

**Understand and predict erosion/cavitation corrosion**

## **Mechanistic Modeling of Corrosion Damage**

**Modeling of Al 5XXX alloy sensitization leading to IGSCC**

## **Sensors**

**MIC detection and assessment (sensor)**

**Stable, rugged reference electrodes**

**Rapid detection of surface contamination**

**Chlorination sensor**

**Detection of corrosion/cracking on shafts**

**Corrosion under paint and/or insulation**

**Distributed vice point sensors**

**Drain pipe/Overboard Discharge Sensors for corrosion under coatings**